

17 May 1950

The Honorable Chet Holifield  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Holifield:

In view of the fact that my appearance before the House Expenditures Committee tomorrow has been postponed, I will not have the opportunity to see you before you leave for your campaign in California.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to you for your continued assistance to this Agency; in particular, Walter Pforzheimer has told me of your efforts in our behalf in connection with the recent Appropriation Bill, and of the hour he spent with you yesterday in connection with your recent trip to the Conference in Havana.

You have been an understanding and staunch friend to Central Intelligence since our inception, and I hope this relationship will continue for a long time to come.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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